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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

April 20, 2021

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FORMER LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER CHARGED WITH ASSAULT AND BATTERY, MISCONDUCT

Agents of the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division Tuesday arrested a former Darlington County Sheriff's deputy and School Resource Officer (SRO) in connection with an incident at Lamar High School where he grabbed a student following a verbal altercation April 16.

William Kenneth Sumner, 57, was charged with third-degree assault and battery, along with misconduct in office.

The request for the SLED investigation was made by the Darlington County Sheriff's Office.

Sumner was booked at the Darlington County Detention Center.

The case will be prosecuted by the 4th Circuit Solicitor's Office.

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Warrants Attached

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ARREST WARRANT

2021A1610400329

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
County/ [X] Municipality of
Darlington

THE STATE
against

William Kenneth Sumner

Address: [Redacted]

Phone: [Redacted]
Sex: M Race: W Height: 6 8 Weight: 370
DL State: SC DL #: [Redacted]
DOB: [Redacted] 1963 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000
Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division
Prosecuting Officer: Clemson J Wright, Jr - S00595
Offense: Assault / Assault & Battery 3rd degree

Offense Code: 3414
Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-03-0600(E)(1)

This warrant is CERTIFIED FOR SERVICE in the
County/ [] Municipality of

The accused is to be arrested and brought before me to be dealt with according to the law.

Date: (L.S.)
Signature of Judge

RETURN

A copy of this arrest warrant was delivered to defendant William Sumner on April 20, 2021

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Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

Darlington Magistrate
115 Camp Road
Darlington, SC 29532

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
County/ [X] Municipality of
Darlington

Personally appeared before me the affiant Clemson J Wright, Jr being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant William Kenneth Sumner did within this county and state on or about 4/16/2021 violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of County/ [X] Municipality of Darlington) in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Assault / Assault & Battery 3rd degree

I further state that there is probable cause to believe that the defendant named above did commit the crime set forth and that probable cause is based on the following facts:

ON APRIL 16, 2021, WHILE LOCATED AT 216 NORTH DARLINGTON AVENUE, LAMAR, S.C., (LAMAR HIGH SCHOOL), IN DARLINGTON COUNTY, DARLINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICER DEPUTY WILLIAM SUMNER, WHILE ACTING IN HIS OFFICIAL CAPACITY AS A SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER (SRO) DID WILLFULLY AND KNOWINGLY COMMIT THE CRIMINAL OFFENSE OF ASSAULT & BATTERY 3RD DEGREE. SRO SUMNER DID ASSAULT A JUVENILE STUDENT, [Redacted] BY GRABBING HIM BY HIS CLOTHING AND LIFTING HIM FROM A CHAIR IN AN OFFICE AT THE SCHOOL. SRO SUMNER THEN SHOVED [Redacted] ALONG A WALL WHILE STILL GRIPPING HIM BY HIS CLOTHING. THIS INCIDENT WAS CAPTURED BY THE SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS AT THE SCHOOL.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
County/ [X] Municipality of
Darlington
Affiant's Address P.O. Box 21398
Columbia, SC 29221-
Affiant's telephone

Signature of Affiant [Handwritten Signature]

ARREST WARRANT

TO ANY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF THIS STATE OR MUNICIPALITY OR ANY CONSTABLE OF THIS COUNTY:

It appearing from the above affidavit that there are reasonable grounds to believe that on or about 4/16/2021 defendant William Kenneth Sumner did violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of County/ [X] Municipality of Darlington) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Assault / Assault & Battery 3rd degree

Having found probable cause and the above affiant having sworn before me, you are empowered and directed to arrest the said defendant and bring him or her before me forthwith to be dealt with according to law. A copy of this Arrest Warrant shall be delivered to the defendant at the time of its execution, or as soon thereafter as is practicable Sworn to and subscribed before me on 4/19/2021

Signature of Issuing Judge (L.S.)
Deatrice Barrett Curtis (Magistrate)
Judge Code: 5063

Judge's Address 115 Camp Road
Darlington, SC 29532-6220
Judge's Telephone (843)398-4340

Issuing Court: [X] Magistrate [] Municipal [] Circuit

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General Sessions
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